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### Lively Court Scene.

For lively court scenes, Prescott now carries off the palm. It is the first time Prescott ever got ahead of the other enterprising towns in the Territory. On Saturday last, Judge French's court was better than a variety theatre, and for excitement and blood-letting, why, the recent Deming train robbery is not a comparison.

Kelsey vs. McAteer on trial. The right to use one-half the waters of Kirkland creek involved in case. Churchill, attorney for plaintiff; Rush & Herndon, attorneys for defendant.

Moses Langley, first witness for plaintiff, on the stand and under re-direct examination. C. B. Rush, on cross-examination of Moses Langley, called attention of witness to an affidavit made by him (Langley) in 1878, which stated facts entirely different from what witness had just testified to. Mr. Rush first read the affidavit, holding it in his own hand. Mr. Churchill then took it, and Rush read it a second time, over the shoulder of Churchill. On re-direct examination, Churchill offered to introduce the entire affidavit. Rush objected on the ground of its not being competent evidence on the part of plaintiff. Churchill then said Rush had garbled a portion of the affidavit. Rush then interfered. Churchill, in a sneering way, said he was addressing his remarks to the court, not to Rush. Rush said: "Mr. Churchill, you must not charge me with garbling an instrument, even to the court." Churchill then said, speaking to Rush: "I do not need the court to protect me, and if you say that you did not garble the affidavit, you lie!"

With these words, Churchill grabbed an inkstand and threw it at Rush, just as Rush rose and struck Churchill in the face with his hand. Rush then caught Churchill's head under his arm. C. W. Beach and James Moore then sprang towards Rush, striking him in the back. J. C. Herndon then threw an inkstand at Churchill and commenced to assist Rush. P. McAteer then, for the first time, arose from his chair and went also to Rush's assistance. He slightly cut Beach and passed him and cut James Moore, who was still striking Rush in the back, in the arm. When the trouble was apparently over, Beach, who had passed outside the bar, came down near McAteer and shot while McAteer's face was from him.

Bishop McAteer (dubbed the "Mormon Bishop" by the Tenth Legislative Assembly), it is said, is past recovery, although when last heard from was still alive. Beach, late of the Miner, we understand, has accepted an engagement as the "heavy man" in the drama now so popular in New York, "Arrest of the James Boys." Should McAteer recover, he is engaged with the same company. Moore has purchased a "striking machine," and will travel, giving exhibitions of his muscular powers on the street corners. Charlie Rush, district attorney of Yavapai county, will resign his position to accept a situation on the A. & P. road to protect affidavit men and enforce the order to make one man do the work of three. Clark Churchill is looking for a man he can whip, whom he intends to purchase, so he can apply the epithet "You lie!" without encountering serious difficulty. Of course, he will be compelled to hunt other pastures besides Prescott. If the court house entertainment was gotten up for the edification of Judge French, it was a success, for His Honor saw a thousand dollars worth of fun in it, and, by a fine, divided that amount between Churchill and Rush. Ellis & Whitney, the chief saloon men of Prescott, want to engage Churchill and Rush for bouncers, but, as stated above, they both have accepted prior engagements.

### The A. M. B. Railroad.

The final organization of the Mineral Belt and Development Construction Company of Arizona was effected in Boston in the early part of the week, and a better array of names cannot well be found in any Board of Directors on the continent of America. Business capacity, intelligence, honesty, experience and progressiveness are well represented. The name of the President, Gen. Raum, is sufficient to remove the enterprise from the possible reproach of being simply a stock scheme. The names of Messrs. Payson, Tucker and Eaton, well-known railroad men, afford an additional guarantee that in the placing of stock, the prosecution of the work and the forwarding of the company's interests, only the safest and best business principles will be followed. Already the stock of the Construction Company has a recognized value in the market, and numbers of experienced railroad contractors are eager to bid, upon exceedingly favorable terms, for the construction of the A. M. B. railroad. A prominent and wealthy capitalist, to whom was explained the resources of the country through which this road will run, was struck with astonishment at the state that a primeval forest representing 2,000,000,000,000 feet of lumber was directly tributary to it. "Why,"

said he, "if you did not have a herd of cattle or a potato patch, the market which your mines must offer for your timber would be sufficient inducement to build the road." A railroad contractor of large experience, who had examined the plans, said that "very little of the road work would be expensive," and that "the cost would not be greater per mile over the whole length of the railroad than the ordinary New England railroads." This was exactly what Col. King has said to the citizens of Globe repeatedly. The stock of the Construction Company is now ready for issuance, and the Arizonians who have earned the right to some of it can put away, satisfied that the day is not very far distant when they can realize handsomely upon it. We are glad to be able to write such cheering words to the "boys" who were full enough of faith, and stout enough of heart, to do the preliminary work on the long tunnel and its approaches.

### Gold Basin District.

KINGMAN, Dec. 7.—A wonderful mine is attracting the attention of the mining community. It is situated a distance of twelve miles from Yucca station, on the A. & P. railroad, towards Signal, and is called the Pacific copper mine. This wonder of mines (for a real wonder it is) has been cross-cut for a distance of sixty-eight feet, without visible signs of walls, either hanging, foot or any other description. This ponderous ledge samples a little over twenty five per cent. for all ledge matter. The heart of the ledge so far developed contains five feet of carbonate ore, running as high as fifty per cent. in copper and silver, and a portion of this rich matter has a small streak of gray carbonate, say one and three-quarter inches, in pure copper form, carrying silver, copper, glance and other ledge matter, running into the thousands. The working qualities far exceed either Clifton or the Copper Queen, so easy that one responsible shot is capable of knocking down a little over twenty tons. The figure appears large, but if any mining expert dares to deny the assertion, the owner is prepared to prove it by actual demonstration. Faulty persons usually make a display of their talents in things that don't materially interest them or the mining part of this Territory, and fix the most hideous names on minerals conceivable—so much so, indeed, that if Arizona had only four practical miners, they would all have the lockjaw trying to pronounce them.

The Owenship mine is the property of Col. Jack Owens, one of the discoverers of the McCracken mine, and it is a noticeable fact that the colonel never over-estimates his mines, and his knowledge is worth looking after in regard to them. The management of the Pacific copper mine will be entirely under the supervision of A. Bateman, of San Francisco, former superintendent of the McCracken mine. The management intend making a daily shipment of fifteen tons of rock to be worked at San Francisco, and will eventually erect their own works, but for the present Mr. Bateman's smelter in San Francisco will do the business.

The Will Dean property is owned by Jack Ryan, and is situated in the Hualapai mountains. This is one of the oldest and best developed properties in Mohave county, and was at one time one of the most reputed properties in the Territory, but was managed by a worthless company, who drew it into bad repute, jumping the country without paying their miners, and swindling the present proprietor; but he never squealed, but kept the assessments up, and to-day the Will Dean will stand its own with any mine in the Territory of its size. Jack intends placing men at work forthwith, and will, by March, satisfy all that his mine will go down.

The Hualapai Queen, owned by Charley Hart, is situated in a locality containing several rich mines. More anon. IRISH LORD.

### Highway Robbery.

Last week, George Smith, who until lately has been employed at the rip-rap camp near Franconia, came up to Peach Springs, on his way to Albuquerque. George had been partaking somewhat freely of "the cup that cheers—and inebriates," and the result was that he "got left." He remained in town until Thursday night, and started for the depot to take the east-bound passenger train. When about half way to the depot, as he states, one Patrick Roach, a man well known on the A. & P. road, who had followed him, struck him a violent blow on the head, stunning him, and took all the money that he (Smith) had on his person—\$102 in money and checks. On hearing of the robbery, George Henderson, a friend of Smith's, went to Hackberry, where he found Roach, who had in his possession one of the checks belonging to Smith. He immediately secured the arrest of Roach, who told conflicting stories as to how he got possession of the check. On Friday night, Deputy Sheriff Davis, of Hackberry, came to this town and took Smith with him to that place, where the prisoner was given a hearing before Justice Crooker. At the examination, Roach pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery, and was accordingly committed to the county jail at Mineral Park to await trial at the next term of court.

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